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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 737

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TAGS: PINS PDIP, ASEC, DJ, ET, FR
SUBJ: FRENCH KIDNAPPING CASE

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD OPPORTUNITY MAY 19 TO TALK WITH
FRENCH KIDNAP VICTIM BOUCAUD WHO HAD RETURNED TO DJIBOUTI
BEFORE VISITING HIS FAMILY IN FRANCE. HE THOUGHT IT STRANGE
THAT THOUGH AFAR CAPTORS CALIMED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE DJIBOUTI
POLITICAL PARTY UNION NATIONALE POUR L'INDEPFNNCE, THEY
TENDE TO SPEAK ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE RATHER THAN
FRENCH, THUS INDICATING THAT THEY WERE PREDOMINANTLY AFARS
OF ETHIOPIAN RATHER THAN DJIBOUTI ORIGIN. BOUCAUD SAW NO
ONE HE RECOGNIZED AS A CUBAN DURING HIS CAPTIVITY. ALTHOUGH
AT ONE POINT HE OBSERVED A ONE-HUNDRED TRUCK CONVOY PASS AND
WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS MANNED BY CUBANS, THE LIGHT COLORING
OF THE MEN LED HIM TO CONCLUDE THAT THEY WERE PROBABLY
EAST GERMANS.
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